

My dear Doctor -

New York, 8 June 1846.

I have now before me two of your esteemed letters, unanswered - viz. 19 ulto. & 2^d Inst. for both of which, & more especially for the box of plants, safely arrived, accept my best thanks - Before proceeding to Botany, I must tell you what I believe will concern you less than surprise you, that on the 22^d ulto. I dissolved my recently formed Connection with W.^r F., by mutual Consent - I do not care to write more than that it was at my own Desire, & we are now winding up our Affairs, & paying off what we owe - Thus I shall have lost time, & incurred a considerable Exp^e. to say nothing of anxiety - I am now again thrown on the world, rather poorer than before, & with (if possible) diminished hope & Energy for the future - It is remarkable that the blessing of God does not seem to attend any thing I attempt, but Distresses & Disappointments multiply on my head - A few weeks only, after I had made my arrangements with W.^r F. (before I went into Can^a) I was most unexpectedly offered the Presidency of the Iron Coy. where my Son is employed, & which would have given me a very handsome Salary & a house, ^{besides reimbursing me with my only child.} - This was strongly urged upon me, but I was bound in honour to W.^r F. & of course refused - Now, is it not remarkable that in the course of 15 yrs. that I have resided here, & during the whole of which time I could have accepted such an offer, none was ever made to me,

nor until after a few weeks ~~had~~^{after} I had engaged myself!
Again, whilst I represented Mr. Halford, a most
eligible proposition was made to me by one of our
very first men, just at the precise time when his
partner was in Eng. & I, of course, tied up! Surely
there is, & must be, a fatality about my affairs,
& indeed it seems as tho' a heavy curse rested on
my head - At times, I expect to die a beggar, or in
a ditch, very possibly - But not to trouble you more
on this head, I recur to your letters before me, & to
Botany, my only resource when I feel able to amuse
myself at all - As my remarks will involve $\$$ I
shall set them forth in your way -

1. Geyer's Plants seem excellent - If I could afford it
(which I cannot) I should like as full a set as I could get
but I think Sam. might like some - Has Hooker any
more, or does Engelmann have any for sale?

2. The "Coulter plants" please me exceedingly -
Could a set be had, & of whom? Who is Harvey,
does he sell or exchange his plants, & how do
you address him? Here again, I suspect Sam.
wants like to be a dealer, as I most certainly should
if (as before)

3. I shall pay $\$10.$ to the "poor devil" when he
calls - I object however to imputations on poverty -

4. I received 50¢. for Engelmann's packt. which our

Porter deliv? - The money is "at your Credit" in etc.

5. You say the packt. for Torrey, will be called for,
what of those for Curtis & Lapham? The latter
did send me some plants, but not "a pretty large
parcel" as he tells you, but that of course entirely.

6. When at Boston, it was understood that I
should send you all my @ up. for your foreign
correspondents, & when your Box arrived I was
labelling them accordingly - They are, of course,
almost all from the middle States, & varying
in goodness, perhaps an an. Auct. (as to quality
of spec.) with those last rec. from you, but not
such good plants, as they have not the Southern
or Western spec. in any number - How shall
I send them? Will they be useful? Many of
them I took from your house, & the others
are from Vasey - Olney - Smith &c. with a few of my
own at Dup. which were at my Brothers -

7. Whose herbar. was that, on small papers, without
localities, except a few in M? ?

8. Did you ever write Hale, on my behalf, he
is a great maker of spec. & has good plants -
You may remember you told me to write him
myself, which I did, but a word from you
would do more than a Vol. from me

I note what you say about Sullivant, but it seems
to offer the greater reason to stir him up, as he may be
more liberal with Phenax. plants, now that he "disdains" them

My health is very poor indeed, at times, tho' I believe if my spirits were better, it might also improve - of this there is little hope. I wrote Mr. Oakes a ridiculous letter 2 or 3 weeks ago, to remind him about my plants - From that I got (for the first time) the fruit of *Mylocarum* - I cannot at present endorse your views expressed in the Flora, as to this plant & *Cyrtilla* - Do you still say *Ericaceae*? I say no. as to *Mylocarum* certainly always, of course, with becoming submission -

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What is DC going to do with *Forrestiera*? Should it not go somewhere near *Oleinae*? What will you do with it? I hope you will try to get a copy of Hooker's paper on the layer plants for me - I wish it much I see the set ran up to nearly 700! I have not spoken to my brother about these & the latter sets, until I hear from you - Very truly yrs,
Geo. Carey

Kind regards to your Brother -